

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current FIRs (in HTML & Adobe PDF formats) are available on the NM Legislative Website (legis.state.nm.us). Adobe PDF versions include all attachments, whereas HTML versions may not. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/12/07

SPONSOR Robinson LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE UNM Digital Media Outreach Program SB 863

ANALYST Leger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to, SB 379 SB 384 SB 757 SB 758

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 863 appropriates \$200 thousand from the general fund to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico for the film and digital media program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to HED it appears there is currently not a digital and media youth outreach program in place at UNM. The university however does have a digital and media outreach program.

The Film and Digital Media Program will allow UNM to realize four educational and research

objectives for the State of New Mexico:

1. Integrate Filmmaking and Digital Media: develop a systematically integrated interdisciplinary program that brings together usually distinct film schools and digital media labs;
2. Build a Native New Mexican Hollywood: an integrated film and digital media industry that serves the unique cultural diversity of New Mexico, with particular attention to Native American and Hispanic peoples;
3. Train the citizens of New Mexico: Phase 1: Establish BFA/BS program starting with 50+ students annually majoring in film and digital media; Phase 2: Establish MFA/MS program starting with 20+ students annually earning graduate degrees in film and digital media;
4. Foster Research: generate sponsored research in partnership with the film and digital media industry starting annually with 3M+

It is unknown how the appropriation in SB 863 will be utilized. UNM provided to contact person for this information.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB 379 appropriates \$50 thousand to EDD to promote film and media enterprises in NM.

SB 384 appropriates \$500 thousand to HED to support film and media employment training and student productions.

SB 757 appropriates \$700 thousand to UNM for the film and digital media program.

SB 758 appropriates \$500 thousand to EDD to support film and media employment training and student productions.

JL/mt